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| A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION | | |
| NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: GUIFSTON GYDUP I, Ltd. | | OFFICIAL USE ONLY |
| ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.) | i e | FIRM I.D. NO. |
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| Houston TV | 71 | 1002 |
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| B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION | | |
| INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report* | | |
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| (Name – if individual, state last, first, middle name |) | 4-1: |
| One Kiverway Ste. 1000 Houston | 11 | 111056 |
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| ☐ Public Accountant | | |
| ☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions. | | |
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| my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement GULF STOW GIND I, LTO. | and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of |
| of (el) 28, 20 12 | , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that |
| neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal offic | er or director has any proprietary interest in any account |
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GULFSTAR GROUP I, LTD.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Partners GulfStar Group I, Ltd. Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of GulfStar Group I, Ltd. (the Partnership) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the related statements of income, changes in partners' capital and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Partnership as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I and II is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Houston, Texas February 22, 2012

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| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable | \$ 1,569,081 - | \$ 1,853,271 15,000 |
| Note receivable, affiliate | 377,100 | 270,000 |
| Prepaid management fees | 602,100 | _ |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 2,548,281 | \$ 2,138,271 |
| LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 362,432 | \$ 763,509 |
| Accrued margin tax | 60,762 | 55,456 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 66,956 | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 490,150 | 818,965 |
| Partners' capital | 2,058,131 | 1,319,306 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL | \$ 2,548,281 | \$ 2,138,271 |

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Commissions and retainer fees | \$ 9,055,315 | \$ 8,102,268 |
| Total Revenues | 9,055,315 | 8,102,268 |
| Expenses | | |
| Management fees | 4,153,035 | 3,909,786 |
| Managing directors fees | 3,290,950 | 3,093,414 |
| Referral fees | 165,000 | 281,250 |
| Payroll taxes | 90,513 | 69,968 |
| Professional fees | 64,684 | 74,782 |
| Licenses and registrations | 1,140 | - |
| Margin tax | 60,762 | 55,456 |
| Other | 406 | 504 |
| Total Expenses | 7,826,490 | 7,485,160 |
| Net Income | <u>\$ 1,228,825</u> | \$ 617,108 |

| | eneral artner | Limited Partners | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2009 | \$ 84,312 | \$ 617,886 | \$ 702,198 |
| Net Income | 62 | 617,046 | 617,108 |
| Balance, December 31, 2010 | 84,374 | 1,234,932 | 1,319,306 |
| Distributions | (49) | (489,951) | (490,000) |
| Net Income | 123 | 1,228,702 | 1,228,825 |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | \$ 84,448 | \$ 1,973,683 | \$ 2,058,131 |

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash received from customers Cash paid for management fees and expenses | \$ 9,070,315 (8,757,405) | \$ 8,102,268 (6,558,918) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 312,910 | 1,543,350 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Loans to affiliate | (107,100) | |
| Net cash used by financing activities | (107,100) | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Distributions to partners | (490,000) | |
| Net cash used by financing activities | (490,000) | |
| NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | (284,190) | 1,543,350 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 1,853,271 | 309,921 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 1,569,081</u> | \$ 1,853,271 |
| | | |
| RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net income | \$ 1,228,825 | \$ 617,108 |
| Change in accounts receivable | 15,000 | 400.000 |
| Change in prepaid management fees | (602,100) | 180,000 |
| Change in accounts payable | (401,077) | 721,220 25,022 |
| Change in accrued franchise tax | 5,306 | 25,022 |
| Change in other accrued liabilities | 66,956 | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 312,910 | <u>\$ 1,543,350</u> |

NOTE A BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GulfStar Group I, Ltd. (a Texas limited partnership) (the Partnership) maintains its accounts on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). Accounting principles followed by the Partnership and the methods of applying those principles which materially affect the determination of financial position, results of operations and cash flows are summarized below:

<u>Description of Business</u> - The Partnership is located in Houston, Texas and is a private investment banking firm. Accordingly, the Partnership has claimed an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 under section (K)(1). The Partnership is registered as a Broker-Dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and a member of the Financial Industry Regulation Authority (FINRA).

<u>Statement Presentation</u> - The unclassified statement of financial condition is presented in accordance with industry standards.

<u>Estimates</u> - The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> - The Partnership considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

<u>Income Taxes</u> - The Partnership's income, losses, and tax credits will be included in the income tax returns of the partners. Accordingly, the Partnership does not record a provision for Federal income taxes. State income tax (Texas Margin Tax), if due, is accrued as a component of expenses.

GAAP provides detailed guidance for the financial statement recognition, measurement and disclosure of uncertain tax positions recognized in an enterprise's financial statements. GAAP requires an entity to recognize the financial statement impact of a tax position when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination. The Partnership believes that all significant tax positions utilized by the Partnership will more likely than not be sustained upon examination. The Partnership does not expect any tax positions to have a material effect that is not already reflected on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows. As of December 31, 2011, the tax years that remain subject to examination by the major tax jurisdictions under the statute of limitations are from the year 2008 forward (with limited exceptions). Tax penalties and interest, if any, would be accrued as incurred and would be classified as tax expense in the statements of income.

<u>Revenue Recognition</u> - Commissions are recognized when trades settle and receivables are recorded at that time.

<u>Subsequent Events</u> - The Partnership has evaluated subsequent events through February 22, 2012, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events occurred, which require adjustment or disclosure to the financial statements at December 31, 2011.

NOTE B ORGANIZATION

The Partnership's general partner is GulfStar Group GP, LLC, owning a 0.01% interest. Through December 31, 2007, GulfStar Investment of Nevada Inc. (Nevada) and IBC Subsidiary Corporation (IBC) owned 29.9975% and 69.993% in limited partnership interests, respectively. Effective January 1, 2008, the limited partnership interest was reallocated between Nevada and IBC to 49.995% and 49.995%, each. The Partnership can remain in existence until December 31, 2050.

All Partnership profits, losses, and distributions are to be allocated to the partners in proportion to their respective percentage interests.

NOTE C MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Partnership utilizes the services of GulfStar II, Ltd. (GulfStar II) (a company affiliated by ownership) for the day-to-day operation and management of the Partnership's business, including financial services management, information systems, bookkeeping, recordkeeping, clerical services, furnishing office space, equipment, and supplies; assisting in compliance with all reporting and administrative obligations of the Partnership; assisting in preparation and updating of a business plan, preparation of budgets, providing marketing and sales support, obtaining research, analysis, and informational services; and arranging for monitoring of legal, accounting, and other professional services. As compensation for these services the Partnership pays GulfStar II a management fee, payable monthly in advance or at such other times as the parties may mutually agree. Fees are based on a percentage of private placement fee revenues and a specific allocation of incremental overhead.

Total fees paid by the Partnership pursuant to the agreement were \$548,100 and \$463,200 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 the balance of the management fees were \$3,604,935 and \$3,446,586, respectively, and resulted from the proportional allocation service fees paid pursuant to the agreement. At December 31, 2011, the Partnership had prepaid management fees totaling \$602,100. There were no prepaid management fees at December 31, 2010. Effective January 2, 2009, GulfStar II also agreed to pay the Partnership a retainer fee on a monthly basis. Total retainer fees received by the Partnership were \$210,000 and \$180,000 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. In addition to management fees pursuant to the agreement, the Partnership also pays fees to managing directors based on a tiered percentage of the Partnerships success fee earned from closing a financing transaction. Managing Director's fees totaled \$3,290,950 and \$3,093,414 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

NOTE D NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Partnership is required to maintain a minimum net capital, and comply with a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital as defined under such provisions. Net capital and the related ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital may fluctuate on a daily basis.

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Partnership had net capital of \$1,011,400 and \$1,005,797, respectively, and a net capital requirement of \$5,000. The Partnership's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .48 to 1 and .81 to 1 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Securities and Exchange Commission permits a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital for the Partnership at this time of no greater than 15 to 1.

NOTE E CONCENTRATIONS AND CREDIT RISK

The Partnership has cash deposits in correspondent financial institutions in excess of the amount insured by the FDIC in the amount of \$1,251,550 and \$1,574,762 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. It is the Partnership's practice to utilize high net worth financial institutions to minimize credit risk. Additionally the Partnership has credit risk related to the note receivable from GulfStar II. The Partnership's management does not believe significant credit risk exists in relation to this receivable and that no reserves are required.

NOTE F NOTE RECEIVABLE, AFFILIATE

The Partnership created intercompany receivables with its affiliate GulfStar II on February 26, 2009 and October 1, 2011 in the amounts of \$270,000 and \$107,100, respectively. These are interest free notes which will mature on February 25, 2012 and October 1, 2012, respectively. The imputed interest on the notes is not significant.

GULFSTAR GROUP I, LTD. SCHEDULE I COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15C3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION DECEMBER 31, 2011

| NET CAPITAL | |
|--|----------------------|
| Total partners' capital qualified for net capital | <u>\$ 2,058,131</u> |
| Deductions and/or charges | |
| Nonallowable assets: | |
| Cash | (67,531) |
| Note receivable, affiliate | (377,100) |
| Prepaid management fees | (602,100) |
| Net capital | <u>\$ 1,011,400</u> |
| COMPUTATION ON BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS | |
| Minimum net capital required (6.66% of total aggregate | A 22.677 |
| indebtedness) | \$ 32,677 |
| Minimum dollar net capital requirement | \$ 5,000 |
| Net capital requirement (greater of above two minimum | |
| requirement amounts) | \$ 32,677 |
| requirement amounts) | |
| Excess net capital | \$ 978,723 |
| | |
| Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital | 48 to 1 |
| | |
| NET CAPITAL, AS REPORTED IN COMPANY'S PART II | |
| (Unaudited) FOCUS Report | \$ 1,034,930 |
| RECONCILING ITEMS OR DIFFERENCES: | |
| Audit adjustment | (23,530) |
| , was any second to | |
| NET CAPITAL PER ABOVE | \$ 1, <u>011,400</u> |

GULFSTAR GROUP I, LTD. SCHEDULE II

COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF SECURITIES UNDER RULE 15C3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION DECEMBER 31, 2011

Exemption Provisions

The Partnership has claimed an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 under Section (k)(1), limited business (mutual funds and/or variable annuities only).



REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17 A-5 FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM SEC RULE 15C3-3

The Partners
GulfStar Group I, Ltd.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of GulfStar Group I, Ltd. (the Partnership), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Partnership including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Partnership does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Partnership in any of the following:

- Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- 2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Partnership is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Partnership has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A *control deficiency* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Partnership's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and the practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Partnership's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2011, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the partners, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Harper & Pearson Company, P. C.

February 22, 2011 Houston, Texas



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED UPON PROCEDURES RELATED TO AN ENTITY'S SIPC ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION

To the Partners GulfStar Group I, Ltd.

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments [Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7)] to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the year ended December 31, 2011, which were agreed to by GulfStar Group I, Ltd. and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and the SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating GulfStar Group I, Ltd.'s compliance with the applicable instructions of the Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). GulfStar Group I, Ltd.'s management is responsible for GulfStar Group I, Ltd.'s compliance with those requirements. This agreed upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1. We compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records entries including the general ledger detail and cash disbursements journal noting no differences.
- 2. We compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2011, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2011 noting no differences.
- 3. We compared adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers including general ledger detail and clearing broker reports noting no differences.
- 4. We proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculation reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers including general ledger detail and quarterly Focus reports supporting the adjustments noting no differences.
- 5. We compared the amount of overpayment applied to the current assessment with the Form SIPC-7 on which it was originally computed noting overpayments were not applicable for this report.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties

Harper & Pearson Company, P.C.

February 22, 2012

Houston, Texas

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Disposition of exceptions:

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185 202-371-8300

General Assessment Reconciliation

For the fiscal year ended 12/31, 20 12

(Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

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DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES" AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

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| Item No. 2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030) | s 9,845,315 |
| 2b. Additions: (1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above. | |
| (2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts. | |
| (3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts. | |
| (4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a. | |
| (5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities. | |
| (6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities. | |
| (7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts. | |
| Total additions | <i>b</i> |
| 2c. Deductions: (1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products. | |
| (2) Revenues from commodity transactions. | |
| (3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions. | · · |
| (4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation. | |
| (5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts. | |
| (6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date. | |
| (7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act). | |
| (8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See Instruction C): GulfStor acts as financial advisor to non-regist | wed 8,845,315 |
| (See Instruction C): CulfStar acts as financial advisor to non-regist (Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation) Provided held companies. These companies are not securities business. (9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income. | related to the |
| (ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960). | <i>K</i> |
| Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii) | C'CUS DE |
| Total deductions | 8,843,312 |
| 2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues | \$ |
| 2e. General Assessment @ .0025 | \$(to page 1, line 2.A.) |